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In re Application of: )  
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Filed: April 29, 1999 )  
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For: COMPUTER SYSTEM CONFIGURATION )  
AND METHOD FOR A STORE )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before examination of this Application, please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-18, 25, 27, and 41, and amend claims 29 and 43 without prejudice or disclaimer, as follows:

~~Cancel claims 1-18, 25, and 27.~~

~~29. (Amended) A system for operating with a plurality of portable cards each having a card memory for storing product discount information , and a store with a plurality of products, the system comprising:~~

~~a plurality of cash register stations, each cash register station including~~

~~an electromagnetic detector for generating first signals corresponding to~~

~~product pricing and for generating second signals identifying products selected for~~

~~purchase;~~